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SUBJ: REFUGEES - CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROGRAM AT BEIRUT

REF: BEIRUT A-66, APRIL 12, 1974

1. SUMMARY: PLANS FOR INS CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROGRAM AT BEIRUT HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER 180 DEGREE REVERSE. WE UNDERSTAND INS TDY OFFICER WILL ARRIVE SOON TO BEGIN TEMPORARY PROGRAM TO ELIMINATE REFUGEE BACKLOG. PUBLIC CHARGE ASSURANCES WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE REQUIRED IN ADVANCE DURING THIS TEMPORARY PROGRAM.

2. THIS POST LEARNED OF INS DECISION TO REQUIRE PUBLIC CHARGE ASSURANCE CONTRACTS PRIOR INTERVIEW BY TELCON MARCH 27. REFERENCED AIRGRAM BASED ON THAT DECISION AND SUBSEQUENT CONSULATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH VOLAGS HERE.

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3. ON APRIL 23 WE LEARNED FROM ATHENS TELCON THAT INS

NOW HAS DECIDED SEND TDY OFFICER HERE AS WE HAVE REQUESTED IN PAST. WILL REMAIN UNTIL PRESENT REFUGEE BACKLOG ELIMINATED. WE UNDERSTAND INS WILL PROVIDE FUNDS FOR ONE TEMPORARY CLERK TO BE HIRED HERE. INS HOPED HAVE TDY OFFICER IN PLACE BY MAY 6 BUT THIS MAY PROVE IMPOSSIBLE.

4. IN VIEW THIS DECISION, INS RESCINDED DECISION REQUIRE PUBLIC CHARGE ASSURANCE IN ADVANCE. NEVETHELESS, VOLAGS MUST CONTINUE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ASSURANCE WITH LEAST POSSIBLE DELAY.

5. WE WILL MALE EVERY EFFORT COMPLETE REQUIRED PHYSICAL CHANGES TO OFFICES AND HIRE CLERK PRIOR ARRIVAL TDY OFFICER. WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, HOWEVER, FIND QUALIFIED PERSON WILLING ACCEPT TEMPORARY POSITION. FUTHERMORE, CLEARANCE PROCEDURES WILL TAKE SOME WEEKS. IN ANY CASE, WE CANNOT COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR RECEIPT CABLED CONFIRMATION THAT INS TDY OFFICER WILL IN FACT ARRIVE, HIS ETA, AND ASSURANCE THAT FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CLERK. EMBASSY CANNOT REPEAT NOT FUND POSITION NOR ABSORB WORKLOAD. TO FACILITATE PLANNING, ALSO REQUIRE BEST ESTIMATE NUMBER REFUGEES TDY OFFICER WILL WISH INTERVIEW DAILY.

6. WE UNDERSTAND INS/ROME CABLE WASHINGTON APRIL 12 RE THIS MOST RECENT CHANGE OF PLANS. IN FUTURE, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFO COPIES ALL CABLES RELATED BEIRUT CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROGRAM. NOT ONLY MUST WE BE KEPT FULL INFORMED PLANS FOR THIS PROGRAM, BUT TIMELY NOTIFICATION WOULD HAVE GIVEN US LONGER HEADSTART MAKING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

7. INS/ATHENS REPRESENTATIVE INFORMS US HE WILL DEFINITELY ARRIVE HERE MAY 6 FOR 3 DAYS REFUGEE INTERVIEWS WHETHER OR NOT TDY OFFICER CAN ARRIVE BY THEN. EMBASSY HIGHLY APPRECIATIVE HIS EFFORTS RESOLVE OUR REFUGEE PROGRAM AND FOR HIS COMPETENT, EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION.
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